

Notice of Intent to Adjust the Cost for Reasonable Collection, Transportation, Processing, and Recycling of Covered Electronic Products (CEP) per WAC 173-900-960
November 12, 2009
Final Determination

In September 2009 the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) published a Notice of Intent to adjust the cost for reasonable collection, transportation, processing, and recycling of CEPs and the associated administrative fee. This cost is the amount used to calculate the money owed by an electronic product recycling plan to Ecology when that recycling plan collects less than their equivalent share for the year. Ecology also uses this set cost to pay an electronic product recycling plan when a plan collects more than their equivalent share for the year. The administrative fee is the cost Ecology incurs for collecting payments and processing the transactions. See WAC 173-900-960 for complete details.

Originally, this cost and fee was set at \$.45/pound + \$.05 administrative fee/pound. The Notice of Intent proposed adjusting the cost to \$.24/pound + \$.05 administrative fee/pound. Ecology accepted comments on this proposal from September 21, 2009 to October 20, 2009.

After consideration of the comments received and review of other pertinent information, Ecology has determined that in 2010 the cost for reasonable collection, transportation, processing, and recycling of CEPs will be adjusted to \$.30/pound and the \$.05 administrative fee/pound will remain unchanged.

The determination to increase the cost for reasonable collection, transportation, processing, and recycling of CEPs from \$.24/pound to \$.30/pound (plus the \$.05/pound administrative fee) was made based on the following:

- Comments received supported a cost of \$.30/pound as a more likely estimate of future costs for the collection, transportation, processing, and recycling of CEPs while also providing an incentive for electronic product recycling plans to collect and process their equivalent shares.
- Estimates of current electronics recycling costs from other states with similar programs indicate that \$.24/pound was in the lower end of the range, however direct comparisons are difficult due to variations in the state programs.
- The global economic downturn of 2008-2009 drove down the costs of most commodities and services. Anticipating normal inflation and a moderate economic recovery in 2010, costs for processing and other services are likely to increase.

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